

Memorial United Methodist Church, February 21, 2021, First Sunday of Lent

*Congregation is invited to stand as able

WELCOME & GREETINGS & WORDS OF REFLECTION

“We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.”

Albert Einstein

PRELUDE

“Brother James’ Air”

arr. Dale Wood

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

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***CALL TO WORSHIP** (extracts from Psalm 25: 1-10)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust, let me now be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Let none that wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are clothed with treachery.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

***INVOCATION (in unison)**

As we enter into the season of Lent, we remember the 40 days and nights when Jesus was alone in the wilderness. We also remember his temptation and wonder if we could pass the test. But this kind of thinking is unnecessary because Jesus has already paid our price. And so gracious God, we pray, let us repent for all those times we’ve thought the problem was ours to solve and instead follow your lead. AMEN!

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HEARING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME

THE WORD IN MUSIC “Call to Remembrance”

by: Richard Farrant
Small Ensemble recording

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1: 9-15 (CEB)

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God! **People: Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

“Gospel”

Rev. Ron Branson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

TIME OF PRAYER

(Silent, Pastoral, and Lord’s Prayer) Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Mark 1:9-15 Common English Bible

Jesus is baptized and tempted

⁹ About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. ¹⁰ While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. ¹¹ And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

¹² At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.

Jesus' message

¹⁴ After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, ¹⁵ saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

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CASUAL WORSHIP

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GATHERING SONG

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

WELCOME!

(Sharing of Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Celebrations)

***PRAYER SONG**

“God’s Not Dead”

CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYERS

CHILDREN’S TIME

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OFFERTORY

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 39: 20-23 (video)

MESSAGE

“Joseph”

Rev. Ron Branson

***TRAVELING SONG**

“Steady My Heart”

***BLESSING**

Go out unto the World with Singing!

Genesis 39:20-23 New International Version

²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. ²² So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

Memorial UMC Reminders

For – Sunday February 21st

Memorial **will offer in-house** worship services for this coming Sunday. *Sunday Schools can meet.*

Masks and social distancing are required

We will live streaming both worship services at

MemorialSunday.org

8:45 am – Traditional service

11:00 am – Casual service

THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

Sunday, February 21

8:45 AM Traditional Worship

11:00 AM Casual Worship

Monday, February 22

6:00 PM Finance (via ZOOM)

7:00 PM Ad. Council (via ZOOM)

Tuesday, February 23

6:30 PM “The Way” Lenten study

Wednesday, February 24

9:30 AM Lectionary Bible Study (ZOOM)

6:00 PM PrayZ! Band Practice

Thursday, February 25

FOLD POPLAR LEAVES

Friday, February 26

Saturday, February 27

Sunday, February 28

8:45 AM Traditional Worship

11:00 AM Casual Worship

Pray for our Home Bound

Shirley Bonfer	Anita Poorman
Mary Kate Miller	Kim Mediate
Kelly Criss	Sally Whitlock
Maury Miller	Meg Grandidier
Mary Claire Hamrick	Peter Priest
Jane Shouse	Howard Higgins
Connie Smith	Betty Jo Martin
Stan & Kris Henderson	
Randall & Carolyn Hopper	

PRAYERS

Jane Boone, (Janel Quillin’s mother) health issues

Gene Johnson, lung biopsy

Carolyn Diss, home recovering from a broken hip

Kevin Ward, heart cath and four stents

Deanna Block, (LaDonna Howard’s sister) cancer

PJ Pettyjohn, complications from a recent procedure

Memorial Preschool News

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year will begin on Monday, February 15 for those currently enrolled in the preschool and for Memorial Church families.

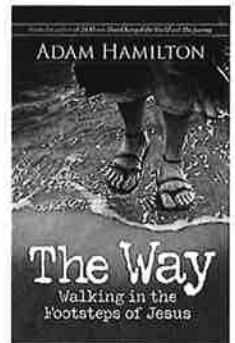
Easter Flowers for the Altar

The cost of an Easter lily or spring flower is \$9.00 each. *Please make checks payable to the church and note on your check: for “Easter flowers”. **Deadline to order is March 14th (payment due at time of order)**. Order forms are available in the Narthex and at the church office. There will be an order form in the March Poplar Leaves.



Lenten Study

We will have a Lenten Study this year on Tuesdays at 6:30 in the evening. These will begin February 23rd and last through March 30th. At this time we can’t know for sure if this can be mask-to-mask (in person) or online via Zoom only. In any event, we will absolutely be on Zoom so, if you are interested in participating call Kevin in the Memorial office (812-234-0776) and he will get you on the class roster so I can send you a link to join us. *This year we are going to do a six-week study by Adam Hamilton titled “The Way.” During our time together we will explore the life and ministry of Jesus from his Baptism and Temptation to the final week of his life on Earth.*



M-Cards

Don’t forget to stop by the M-Card table (currently located on the west side of the Narthex, near the chapel). **The m-cards are available at the church office during the week.**

One Call System

If you are not already signed up for Memorial’s One Call System, please do so. You will have the option to receive a phone message, text message or an email. This way you will be notified of upcoming events or changes/cancellations of church events. There is a form that you will need to fill out. Please contact the church office to get the form.

One Call Now